

Local artist provokes thoughts of home security

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Each time observers study Georgetown artist James Tughan's work they will discover something new. Using layers of visual cues Mr. Tughan proves to provoke thoughts of home security and comfort. And this message will be hanging on the walls of about 50,000 offices and public centres in the form of posters and signed limited edition prints.

The corporate artist worked with the Ontario Real Estate Association to promote home ownership and create a better image for real estate. The posters and limited prints will be displayed across Ontario to celebrate Ontario Home Week from Sept. 23 to 29.

Town of Halton Hills Mayor, Russ Miller, received a signed print Thursday for display at the civic centre.

Mr. Tughan was commissioned by the Ontario Real Estate Association to create a vision depicting the importance and meaning of owning a home, especially for families entering the market.

Taking nearly seven weeks from concept to the finished creation, Mr. Tughan said the picture focuses on the aspects of life cycles

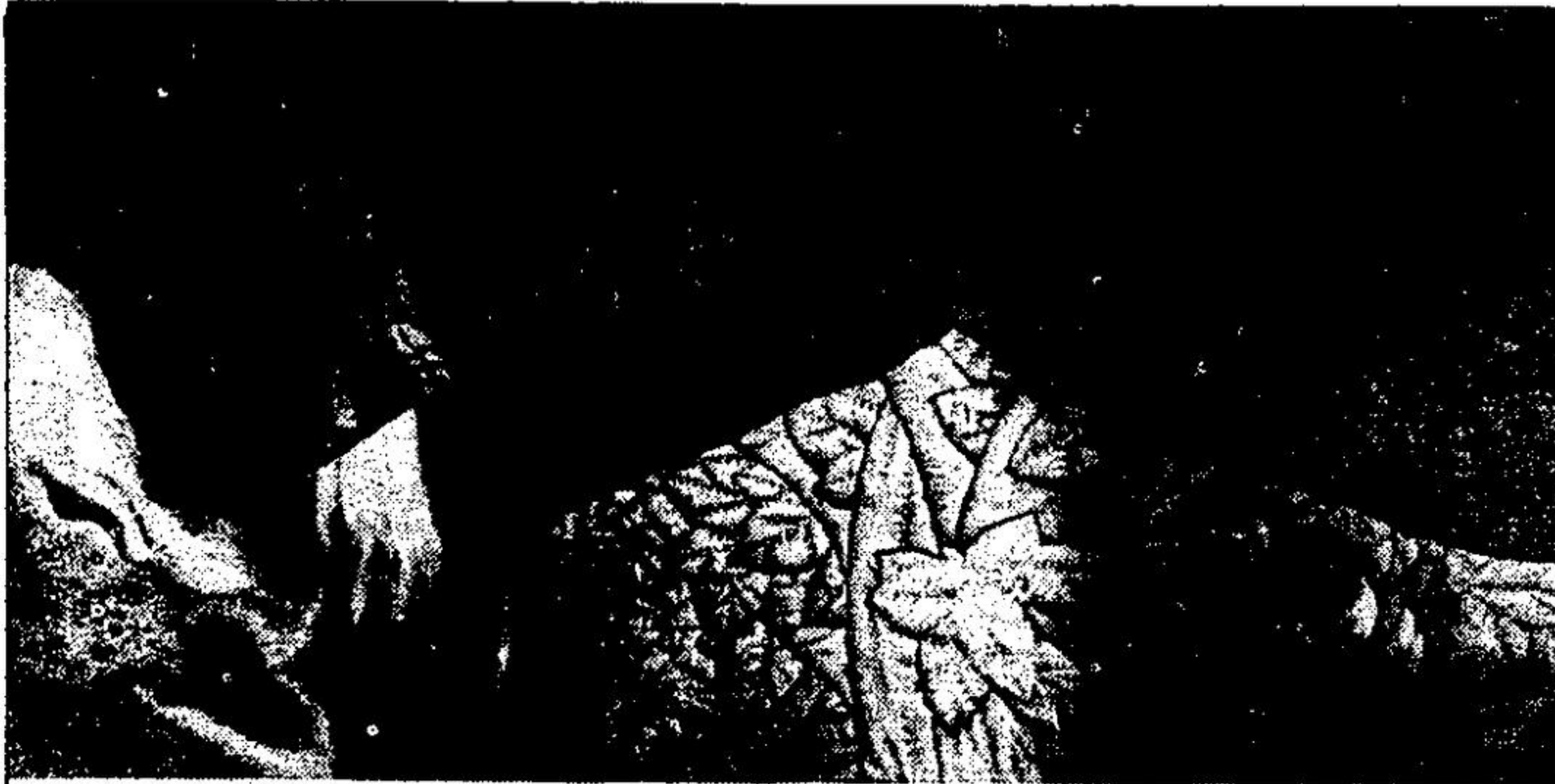
and the importance of shelter.

These images take form in a quilt with embroidered shapes of family life right from birth to childhood to marriage producing a child. Symbols of each life stage are shown in forms of a crib, rocking horse, tricycle, marital rings and a realtors trademark representing the purchase of a home.

Also woven into the quilt are a range of colors which are commonplace to Canadian environments, explained Mr. Tughan. He added the inclusion of outside features suggests harmony between life in a home and the environment. His intention was to highlight the comforts and securities experienced in owning a home using the most primitive and basic colors and features.

"It was intended to involve people in reading the poster almost like a map," Mr. Tughan said.

A canine resting on the quilt by three persons sleeping under the quilt conjures up images of tranquility and security, Mr. Tughan further explained. Even a ring, worn on the head of the sleeping woman, bears the significance of family as each stone in the ring represents the family structure, he further explained.



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The Shelter Quilt, designed by Georgetown corporate artist, James Tughan, was presented by the Brampton Real Estate Board on behalf of Ontario

realtors to Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller to commemorate Ontario Home Week Sept. 23 to 29. (Herald photo)

Child restraint system has safety defect

The Hamilton Automobile Club, in cooperation with Transport Canada, is advising consumers of a safety related defect involving a child restraint system. The problem identified with the U.S. Fisher-Price child restraints is not a problem with Canadian Fisher-Price child restraints.

On Fisher-Price models 9100 and 9101, manufactured in the U.S. before June 20, 1989, the metallic label on the abdominal shield can become loose and can be removed by the child, who can, in turn, place it in his/her mouth.

The Canadian Fisher-Price child restraint, model 9102, was manufactured and introduced in the Canadian marketplace after June 20, 1989, and is not affected by the notice. The Canadian model restraint has a hard plastic label

that snaps into the shield.

It is known that some Canadian consumers have purchased U.S. Fisher-Price child restraints which are affected by the notice and have brought them into Canada. The U.S. Fisher-Price child restraint does not meet Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. HAC recommends that consumers owning a U.S. Fisher-Price child restraint model 9100 and 9101 should inspect the shield for the Fisher-Price metallic label, and if loose, peel it away and discard the label. HAC advises that although removal of the label will eliminate the risk of a child choking on it, the U.S. Fisher-Price child restraint remains a non-complying seat which will not provide the same level of protection as a Canadian Fisher-Price model.

Halton Radio Club plans fall course

On October 1, 1990 the Department of Communications is planning to change the Amateur Radio regulations. The new regulations will include an entry level designation that does not require testing in morse code.

The Halton Amateur Radio Club (HARC) is planning to run a course this fall and would like to hear from any interested persons. The course will entail components of electrical and radio theory as well as radio law and regulations. You do not have to be a genius to take this course, grade school children, housewives, almost anyone can pass the exam. The instructors, which are members of our club, will pace the speed to the level of the students.

HARC meets at the Scotsdale meeting hall in Ballinafad on the third Wednesday of each month and meets on the clubs repeater (147.130 MHz) on the first Wednesday of the month. The meetings start at 8:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

HARC performs community service throughout the year and assists the red cross with communications in time of emergency. If you were at the Crazy Boat Race, Boy Scout Triathlon or the Mayors Road Race this year the people holding the radios were hams.

If you would like more information on the Halton Amateur Radio Club, to inquire on the course or attend a meeting please contact Mike Davis at 877-9665.

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